

Appendix E

# Family Preparedness Plan

## **Emergency Supply Kit**

#### Water

Store water in plastic containers such as soft drink bottles. Avoid using containers that will decompose or break, suck as milk cartons or glass bottles. A normally active person needs to drink at least 2 quarts of water each day. Hot environments and intense physical activity can double that amount. Children, nursing mothers, and ill people will need more.

- \* Store 1 Gallon of water per person per day (2 quarts for drinking, 2 quarts for food preparations/sanitation).
- \* Keep at least a 3-day supply of each person in your household.

If you have questions about the quality of the water, purify it before drinking. You can heat water to a rolling boil for 10 minutes or use commercial purification tablets to purify the water. You can also use household chlorine bleach if it is pure, unscented 5.25% sodium hypochlorite. To purify water, use the following table as a guide.

|  | Ratio | for | Purif | fying | Water | with | Bleach |
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| Water Quantity | Bleach Added |
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| 1 Quart        | 4 drops      |
| 1 Gallon       | 16 Drops     |
| 5 Gallons      | 1 Teaspoon   |

After adding bleach, shake or stir the water container and let it stand for 10 minutes.

#### Food

Store at least a 3-day supply of nonperishable food. Select food that require no refrigeration, preparation, or cooking and little or no water. If you must heat food, pack a can of Sterno®. Select food items that are compact and lightweight. \*Include a selection of the following foods in your Emergency Supply Kit.

- Ready-to-eat canned meats, fruits, and vegetables
- Canned juices, milk, soup (if powdered, store extra water)
- Staples-sugar, salt, pepper
- High-energy foods peanut butter, jelly, crackers, granola bars, trail mix
- Vitamins
- Foods for infants, elderly persons, or persons on special diet
- Comfort/stress foods cookies, hard candy, sweetened cereals, lollipops, instant coffee, tea bags



## First Aid Kit

Assemble a first aid kit for your home and one for each car. A first aid kit\* should include:

- Sterile adhesive bandages in assorted sizes
- 2-inch sterile gauze pads (4-6)
- 4-inch sterile gauze pads (4-6)
- Hypoallergenic adhesive tape
- Triangular bandages (3)
- Needle
- Moistened Towelettes
- Antiseptic
- Thermometer
- Tongue blades (2)
- Tube of petroleum jelly or other lubricant
- Assorted sizes of safety pins
- Cleaning agent/soap
- Latex gloves (2 pairs)

- Sunscreen
- 2-inch sterile roller bandages (3 rolls)
- 3-inch sterile roller bandages (3 rolls)
- Scissors
- Tweezers

## **Nonprescription Drugs**

- Aspirin or other pain reliever
- Antidiarrhea medication
- Antacid (for stomach upset)
- Syrup of Ipecas (used to induce vomiting if advised by the Poison Control Center)
- Laxative
- Activated charcoal (as advised by the Poison Control Center

# **Tools and Supplies**

- Mess kits, or paper cups, plates and plastic utensils
- Emergency preparedness manual
- Battery-operated radio and extra batteries
- Flashlight and extra batteries
- Cash or traveler's checks, change
- Nonelectric can opener, utility knife
- Fire extinguisher: small canister, ABC type
- Tube Tent, Needles, thread
- Pliers, Tape, and Compass
- Matches in waterproof container
- Aluminum foil
- Plastic storage containers
- Signal flare
- Paper, pencil

- Medicine dropper
- Shutoff wrench, to turn off household gas and water
- Whistle, Plastic sheeting
- Map of the area (for locating shelters)

#### Sanitation

- Toilet paper, towelettes
- Soap, liquid detergent
- Feminine supplies
- Personal hygiene items
- Plastic garbage bags, ties (for personal sanitation uses)
- Plastic bucket with lid
- Disinfectant
- Household chlorine bleach



#### **Clothing and Bedding**

\*Include at least one complete change of clothing and footwear per person.

| <ul> <li>Sturdy shoes or work boots</li> </ul> | <ul><li>Hat and gloves</li></ul>    |
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| <ul><li>Rain gear</li></ul>                    | <ul><li>Thermal underwear</li></ul> |
| <ul> <li>Blankets or sleeping bags</li> </ul>  | <ul> <li>Sunglasses</li> </ul>      |

# **Special Items**

## For Baby

- Formula, Diapers, Bottles
- Powdered milk
- Medications

#### For Adults

- Heart and high blood pressure medication
- Insulin
- Prescription drugs
- Denture needs
- Contact lenses and supplies
- Extra eye glasses

- Entertainment games & books
- Import Family Documents keep these records in a waterproof, portable container
- Will, insurance policies, contracts, deeds, stocks, and bonds
- Passports, social security cards, immunization records
- Bank account numbers
- Credit card numbers and companies
- Inventory of valuable household goods, important telephone numbers
- Family records (birth, marriage, death certificates
- Cell phones with battery charger

